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SUBJECT: ROYAL THAI ARMY PURCHASES MORE SCORPION TANKS

REF: BANGKOK 22189 (77)

1. WIRE SERVICE REPORTS FROM LONDON CARRIED IN LOCAL PRESS
APR 10 CONFIRM UNOFFICIAL WORD MISSION ELEMENTS HAVE PICKED
UP OVER PAST FEW MONTHS THAT ROYAL THAI ARMY PLANNED TO
PURCHASE OVER 100 SCORPION LIGHT TANKS FROM ALVIS DIVISION
OF LEYLAND MOTORS, UK.

2. PRESS REPORTS STATE THAT ORDERS FOR 170 SCORPIONS FOR
THAILAND, DUBAI AND HONDURAS WERE ANNOUNCED BY ALVIS.
ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, 116 OF THESE ARE FOR THAILAND
WHICH, COMBINED WITH THE 34 THE RTA PURCHASED LAST YEAR
(REFTEL), MAKES 150 OF THE SCORPIONS NOW ON ORDER BY THE RTA.

3. RTA INVESTMENT IN THE SCORPION WOULD APPEAR TO PRECLUDE
RTA INTEREST IN PROCURING U S TANKS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
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